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Poly Royal Rodeo is April 21-22

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The top-ranked Cal Poly Rodeo Team is headed into regional competition April 21 and 22 in the Cal Poly Rodeo Arena.

The team takes on Cal Poly Pomona, Fresno State, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Cuesta College, Feather River, Lassen College, Western Nevada College and West Hills College. The action starts at 6 p.m. Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, in the Cal Poly Rodeo Arena off Mt. Bishop Road on campus.

Currently, the Cal Poly Men's Team and the Women's Team are both ranked first in West Coast Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

On the Cal Poly Men's Rodeo Team this year are Dallas Osburn, Ted Burt, Ben Londo, Elliot French, Wyatt Scott and Joe Clarot. On the Women's Team are Marcey Teixeira, Jodi Coppini, Kalli Collins, Kelsey Johnson and Sadie Myers.

Going into the Poly Royal Rodeo, Londo is ranked first in the West Coast Region in Men's All Around and in Bareback Riding, and Burt is ranked second in Bull Riding. In Saddle Bronc Riding, Londo is ranked second and French fourth.

In the Women's regional standings, Johnson is ranked second in the region in the Women's All Around. Johnson is ranked first in Breakaway; Myers second; Coppini third and Teixeira, fourth. Collins ranks second in Goat Tying and Coppini is holding tight to third. Teixeira ranks fifth in Barrels and Rosenberg, seventh.

In intercollegiate rodeo competitions, riders compete in a variety of events to earn points for both individual titles and a team total. The points are accumulated at nine regional rodeos from Las Vegas to Fresno.

Cal Poly earned both the Men's and Women's All Around champion spots at the 2005 NIRA, competing against students from 62 universities. The Cal Poly Rodeo Team finished as the No. 2 Men's Rodeo team in the nation in 2005.

Londo, a construction management major from Milton Freewater, Or., took first place in the National Men's All Around in 2005. Teixeira, an agricultural business student from Santa Maria, took National Women's All Around in 2005.

Tickets are \$8 for students and seniors \$8; \$10 for adults; and children under 6 are admitted free. Tickets can be bought at the Campus Market, or from any Rodeo Team Member or by calling (805) 756-5370. They will also be sold at the door.



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